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SUBJECT: YOUNG SOUTH AFRICANS IDENTIFIED FOR MAKTOUM FOUNDATION
ENTREPRENEURS CONFERENCE

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11. (SBU) Post identified the following five young Muslim entrepreneurs and leaders in South Africa for the Maktoum Foundation Entrepreneurs Conference as tasked in reftel:

- Nazmeera Moola. Moola is Head of Macro Strategy at Macquarie First South. She was selected South African Economist of the Year by Reuters in 2005 and is a weekly columnist for the Financial Mail. Contact details: Floor 23, ABSA Building, 2 Riebeck Street, Cape Town 8000, nazmeera.moola@macquarie.com.

- Abdullah Verachia. Verachia is Head of India Division of Frontier Advisory Limited. He is a regular media commentator for a number of publications including CNBC Africa, SABC, Business Day and the Sunday Times and is also part of the Brightest Young Minds program in South Africa. Contact details: Frontier Advisory Limited, Block C, 65 Central Street, Houghton, Johannesburg 2198, averachia@frontier-advisory.com. Abdullah is well-connected in the South African business community and would be a good source of additional contacts.

- Mr. Zulfiq Isaacs. Isaacs is the Managing Director of Liquid Thought. Liquid Thought delivers e-business services and consulting solutions in South Africa. Contact details: Floor 1, 16 Bloem Street, Cape Town 8001, zulfiq@liquidthought.co.za.

- Reza Omar. Omar is the Research Director of Citizen Surveys Limited. He has been instrumental in facilitating major research contracts and managing research studies on behalf of corporations, development agencies, government departments and academic institutions (e.g., Department of Trade and Industry, the World Bank, and the U.S. Department of State). Contact details: Floor 1, De Waal House, 172 Victoria Road, Woostock, Cape Town 7925, info@citizensurveys.com.

- Yusuf Mohammad. Mohammad is the owner of Paragon Call Solutions and Direct Calling Solutions. He employs 200 people. Contact details: yusuf@paragoncall.co.za.

12. (SBU) Post would also like suggest the Durban-based Minara Chamber of Commerce (www.minara.org.za) as a potential partner for the Maktoum Foundation Entrepreneurs Conference. The Minara Chamber of Commerce was formed in May 2000 to represent and assist South African Muslim businesses and entrepreneurs. Minara is currently compiling a directory of Muslim businesses and professional firms located in South Africa.

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